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(2) Ms. Stacy Longecker (Applicant's representative). (4)_____.

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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of record.

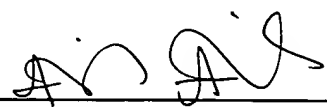
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative discussed that the claimed invention is basically a two-dimensional histogram and that figure 5 of the application has three distinct axes, while figures 3A and 3b of the cited prior art, namely, Lock-USPN-6, 014,904 contains two axes. Examiner agreed in principal that the detailed explanations by the Applicant's representative were persuasive and if the claims can be amended a bit to incorporate those distinctions, Examiner will further reconsider this application for allowability .